

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-53. (Canceled)

54. (Previously Presented) Client system capable of using digital content provided by a content provider over a network, said content-using client system comprising:

receiving agent for receiving certain digital content from said content provider;

rendering device for rendering said received digital content;

logging agent for monitoring usage information concerning the actual rendering of said digital content by said rendering agent; and

means for performing a security operation to cryptographically link said usage information with a particular user account or identity.

55. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, further comprising means for decrypting said digital content prior to the rendering of said digital content.

56. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, wherein said security operation performing means is configured for performing at least part of an authentication of said usage information.

57. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, wherein said usage information comprises a representation of said client-rendered digital content and rendering quality information.

58. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, wherein said usage information is maintained in a log in said client system and said security operation performing means is configured for storing said log in a tamper-resistant environment associated with said client system.

59. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, wherein said logging agent comprises :

means for tamper-resistantly generating said information; and
means for storing said information as a log entry in a log.

60. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, wherein said logging agent further comprises means for forwarding said logged usage information to an external trusted party for storage therein as a log entry in a log.

61. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, further comprising:

a first digital rights management (DRM) agent, at least partly implemented in said rendering device, having functionality for enabling rendering of said digital content.

62. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 61, further comprising:

a second DRM agent implemented in said client system, having functionality for enabling reception of said digital content from said content provider; and

means for communication between said first DRM agent and said second DRM agent, said first DRM agent comprising means for transferring a first control signal associated with said information to said second DRM agent and said second DRM agent comprises means for processing signal data associated with said first control signal to generate a second control signal, and means for

sending said second control signal to said first DRM agent for controlling the digital-content usage process.

63. (Previously Presented) The client system according to claim 54, wherein said usage information is stored in a subscriber identity module.

64-67. (Canceled)